GREETS SEMBRICH

Great Singer Appears in Rich-

mond and Stirs Big Audience

at Academy.

Sat Still at Close Until She Came

Back-Notable Work of

Others.

Showing slightly the touch of time,

but charming as of old, Madame Mar-

cells Sembrich, one of the greatest liv-

ing opera and concert sopranos, was

Closing Scene.

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The second part of the program opened with one of Liszt's world and wonderful Hungarian rhapsodies, britiantly executed by Mr. La Forge, whose equal as an accompanist and soloist is rarely, if ever, heard.

Mmc. Sembrich and Mr. Van Hoose were heard together in a scene and duet from the first act of Puccini's

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DR. TRUMAN PARKER **GETS PROMOTION** 

With the Rank of

Major.

The appointment of Dr. Truman

Parker as surgeon of the Seventieth Virginia Regiment, with the rank of major, was announced at headquarters last night, and is being received with

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# A GREAT MYSTERY

No One Knows Who Has Been Throwing Stocks on the Market.

#### MONEY PINCH PRIMARY CAUSE

That There Have Been No Failures Shows That the Blow Fell on Great Moneyed Kings, Who Were Able to Weather the Storm.

NEW YORK, March 16 .- The collapse in prices of stocks which has occurred this week has been so sudden and so violent as to leave opinion dazed over the meaning of the demonstration and its probable ulterior consequences.

so portentous, the volume of the offerings which have deluged the market have been so overwhelming, and, at of failures and financial disasters have been so entirely lacking as to leave an uncanny effect on the minds of

The extent of the slump is the more remarkable as coming on the heels of a prolonged decline, which had already presumably gone far to discount the unfavorable factors which were supposed to be the influence on the market. The cumulative effect of the last spasmodic drop was all the more acute for this reason. The fall in prices is so much greater compared with such a previous occasion of the May panic in 1901, with which the present panic is compared in regard to indiscriminate unloading of stocks, as it follows such a prolonged fall, while the 1901 panic broke in upon a period of buoyant speculation at rising prices.

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The stock discussion in Wall Street for some time past has bene of laws passed by various State Legislatures for the restriction of rallroad charges; and for other measures of regulation; of the course of proposed measures of the national government looking to additional restraint upon corporation powers and administration, and especially in the issuing of bonds and stocks and the fixing of valuations of rallroads which have added to traffic charges.

The impression of all this discussion has been greatly helghtened by the course of prominent men in the railroad and banking world, which was construed as an indication of the keen anxiety they were laboring under for the prospect of the roads in consequence of this course of events. The attitude of the public and the government authorities, which this course suggests, has awakened the apprehension of holders of stocks. This is especially true, of course, of speculative holders, but the more permanent investment holders have been affected also to some extent.

The assumption has gained ground in the Wall Street district that this was the feeling of the great controlling investors themselves in the leading rail road systems of the country, and the fear hus taken hold of the speculative imagination that holders of securities of this pre-eminent class were unloading their holdings indiscriminately in a spirit of utter hopelessness of the future carning or dividend-paying power of their properties.

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something allayed in speculative circles by the visit of J. P. Morgan to Washington and the announcement that a conference was to be had between President Roosevelt and the railroad president Roosevelt and the railroad president so discuss the situation. This incident created a great impression on speculative sentiment, although the ideas of what, was to to done table would change conditions were of the vaguest. When the outpouring of stocks began again the fact that such a step was considered desirable and necessary by so influential a banking representative only served to aggravate the disquiet. By Wednesday also there had developed a pinch in the money market, caused by the preparations for the sheavy requirements of March 15th, including large dividend payments and stock—and railroad note subscriptions. subscriptions.

This necessitated some calling of

loans by the banks, and the result was selling of stocks. The loan contraction seemed to reach suddenly to accounts that had proved

#### HELICON HALL WRECKED BY AN EXPLOSION



ENGLEWOOD, N. J., March 16.—Helicon Hall, the home of Union Sinciair's colony, was destroyed by fire early today. The blaze was preceded by an explosion which seemed to occur in the ball room which was at the extreme end of the building from the boiler room. The flames spread with such rapidity that the lifty-live colonists had to flee for their lives without having time to save any of their belongings.

Some of the colonists were injured in jumping from windows. A workman named Briggs is said to be missing.

Five persons injured by jumping from windows were taken to the hospital.

The Sinciair operative colony was established last October and included a number of educators and men and women engaged in literary pursuits. The co-operative servant plan was adopted, the meals being served in common in a large dining room. ENGLEWOOD, N. J., March 16 .- Hell-

### MYSTERY IN DEATH OF YOUNG BUSH

Remains of Young Man Killed at Disputanta Taken Home. Parents Crushed.

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BEDFORD CITY, March 16.—The remains of W. P. Bush, who was found dead Friday morning beside the railroad near Disputanta, arrived at home here this afternoon in charge of his brother-in-law, E. B. Bibb, a prominent merchant of this place. The exact circumstances of his death will perhaps never be known, but it is supposed his funds running short, he was making his way on a freight train and falling off rolled down the embankment and struck his head against a large piece of slag found beside him. The injury caused by this was the only bruise or injury of any kind found upon his body.

His parents, Captain-and Mrs. W. T. Bash, are crushed by the cruel shock or his death. He is survived by a little son, and a sister, Mrs. E. B. Bibb. The funeral will take place from the home of Captain Bush Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

#### WHITE MAN MURDERED: **BODY THROWN IN CREEK**

POCAHONTAS. VA., March 16,—
George Davis, a white man, who has been living on the farm of Benjamin Road, on the mountain, near Pocahontas, was found dead in Laurel Creek, at the Browning Mines, with his skull fractured. Investigation showed that he had been murdered, and his body thrown into the creek, Up to this time it is not known who the murderer is, but every clue is being followed.

#### YANKEE GIRL WINS CITY PARK DERBY

### REPORTED SHORTAGE OF

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ROANOKE, VA. March 16.—It is reliably reported that one of the old employes of the office of treasurer of the Norfolk and Western is short about \$7,000 in his accounts, but the shortage will be settled by bondsmen of the party and there will be no arrest or prosecu-tion. Officers will make no statement in regard to the matter.

### LADY ABBUCTED FROM THE ASYLUM

#### Miss Willis, of Richmond, Kept at Grove All Night by Captor. Bailey Arrested.

The continuence of the continuen

# BUSINESS MEN'S DOWNTOWN CLUB

Organization to Have Quarters in Bank Building.

### OFFICERS CHOSEN AND CHARTER DRAWN

Have Midday Lunch and Parlors Where Business Matters May Be Discussed Privately. Success of Institution Already Assured.

developments in the local business world is the formation of the Business Men's Club of Richmond, which will shortly

Glub of Richmond, which will shortly open handsome quarters on the top floor of the Bank of Richmond Building. The charter for the organization has been drawn and will be applied for in a few days, and these are the officers named for the first year:

President, N. D. Sills., Vice-President, O. J. Sands., Treasurer, J. S. James., Secretary, Thomas P. Bryan., Directors—The above and W. D. Duke, Charles A. Brown, S. P. Wiley, Sam W. Meek, C. J. Billups, E. N. Newman, R. S. Tuck, George W. Bahke, D. R. Midyette and Hugh P. Powell.

Powell.
The club will be fashioned and oper The club will be fashioned and operated on the order of the Merchants Club of Baltimore and the Business Men's Club of Cincinnati, two of the most infuential and successful business organizations in the country.

Time Now Ripe.

a downtown luncheon club, where the business men may come in daily con-tact with one another and exchange views with reference to matters of inwell-defined objects the encourage-ment of everything in a business way which will tend toward the develop-ment of Richmond and her resources. it proposes further to co-operate heart-ily with the Chamber of Commerce in all matters of a public nature. It is the intention of the club to bring into its organization every commercial and industrial interest of the city, and to foster and encourage them in every

ed with the city's residential and business advantages.

It is hoped by those heading the new
club that through the advantages it
will offer to the business men, the entire business force of the city will
finally be concentrated at this one
central point. Similar clubs have
proven highly successful and beneficial
to the business interests in other
cities.

#### EX-SENATOR BURTON WILL LEAVE JAIL ON 22D

ABILENE, KAN., March 16.—Ex-Senator Joseph R. Burton, who is expected to return to his home here next week from tronton, Mo., where he is now in jall serving a six months' sentence, has engaged the local theatre for March 23d, when he will deliver a public address. Senator Burton has for some time threatened to expose those whom he charged with being responsible for his conviction, and it is said that his speech will prove sensational. Mr. Burton will be released from the Ironton jail on March 22d.

### FOUR PRESIDENTS OF GREAT RAILWAYS



THAW JUBILANT

Delmas Does Not Think Hummel's Testimony Will Be Believed by Jury.

AFFIDAVIT WILL GET

Mrs. Thaw Will Swear She Did Not Know Contents of Paper When She Signed It.

WHAT \$100,000 WORTH OF EXPERT TESTIMONY SHOWS

Time Now Ripe.

The movement took snape on the last night of the great Y. M. C. A. campaign, recently closed, and most of the officers were closely and prominently identified with that work. There has been felt for many years the need of some quarters, convertiently located in the downtown business section, where men could get their midday lunch and talk quietly and confidentially over matters relating to their affairs. The gentlemen who have organized the new club reached the conclusion that the time was ripe for consummating the plan, and they set to work at once with this end in view. The entire top floor of the building referred to has been secured, and they set to work at once with this end in view. The entire top floor of the building referred to has been secured, and they set to work at once will be provided on the roof floor, and lunches of everything that a man would desire will be cooked and served daily.

These rooms will be arranged in the most attractive manner, and every confort and convenience will be provided.

Objects of Club.

The new organization will supply the domand which has long existed for a downtown luncheon club, where the business men may come in daily contact with one another and exchange views with reference to matters of interest to themselves and the community to the mention of the middle of the photographic and carbon copies views with reference to matters of interest to themselves and the community to the mention of the control of the photographic and carbon copies views with reference to matters of interest to themselves and the community to have made in Abraham Hummel's office.

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This affidavit Mr. Jerome contends is competent evidence to contradict the statement that Mrs. Thaw was drugged and betrayed by Stanford White.

In it the young woman is said to have sworn that the stories concerning White were untrue, and that Harry K. Thaw beat her when she told him that there was no truth in the statement that White had betrayed her.

Mrs. Thaw Will Deny Story.

Justice Fitzgeraid, having permitted Hummel and his clerk to testify as to the making of the affidavit, evidently intends to allow Mr. Jerome to put the papers in evidence and read whatever of papers in evidence and read whatever of the content in the desires to the law. REPORTED SHORTAGE OF SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

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the prisoner's wife and the convicted lawyer.

Harry Thaw's confidence, instead of diminishing with the closing hours of the State's case against him, seems to increase daily. His mother, his wife and the Countess of Yarmouth, his sister, called upon him in the Tombs to-day, and reported that he was in high spirits.

When the matter of the affidavit is settled, Mr. Jerome will announce that the people rest their case and Mr. Delmas then will take up the work of surrebuttal.

As he intends to call several allentists, and District Attorney Jerome has committed himself to extensive cross-examinations of this class of witnesses, there is no way to tell just how long a time the defense will require in putting its last evidence before the twelve men who are to decide Thaw's fate.

### THE GIRLS' SCHOOL **BURNS TO GROUND**

Springdale Academy, Middlesex. County, Owned by Mr.

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Shackelford, Destroyed.

[Special to The Times-Dispace.]

STORMONT, VA., March 18.—The pretty home of Mr. W. Y. Shackelford, known as Springdale Academy, and located on a large farm near this place, was destroyed by fire this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The building was used as a home school for girls, and was under Mrs. Shackelford's care. The fire originated from a defective flue in the second story. There were no men in the house at the time, yet most of the household goods on the first floor were savd, including two planos. The building was partially insured.

This is the second heavy loss Mr. Shackelford has had in the prist year, having lost his large undertaking and wheel-stight establishment last winter.



Scenes of Horror at Wise County Shaft, Owned by Robert

P. Bruce. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., March 16 .- Eleve nen killed, four badly injured, and three missing is the result of a firedamp explosion in the coal at Tacoma, five miles cast of Norton, in Wise county, Va., at 8 o'clock this morning. The dead arc: Cad. and Alonzo Ritchie, white, both

married. James and Robert Snow, brothers, Boliver and Cleveland Noonchester, white and brothers.

Adolphus Gibbs, colored Four men whose bodies are

are missing and cannot be for. The work of rescue completed before to-morrow. or The work of restate the form to the mine fan, which allowed gas to accumulate.

It is thought a greater number than can now be accounted for may be entombed.

Robert P. Bruce, one of the owners of this mine, is well-known in Viginia, having been the Democration ominee for Congress in the Ninth Virginia District last fall.

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TAZEWELL, VA., March 16.—Eleven were killed and four injured in an explosion early this morning in the coal mines of Bond & Bruce, about one mile from Tacoma, in Wise county. The disaster is said to have been caused by the explosion of gas. The dead are disaster is said to have been caused by the explosion of gas. The dead are C. N. Chester, B. M. Chester, brothers; C. D. Gibb. William Ifura, Bank Boss, Tom Ryan, James Patterson, Robert Snew and Jim Snow, brothers, and William Ritchie, and one colored man, whose name could not be learned. The father of the two Snow boys was killed in the mines last July. The explosion was one of the worst that has occurred in the Clinch Valley coal field

#### SECOND MATE OF PRUSSIA SWEPT TO SEA Is Made Regimental Surgeon,

NORFOLE, VA. March 16.—John W. Lee, second mate of the American bark Prussia, now loading coal at Lambert's Point for Bremerton, has been given up for lost. Lee, in company with First Mate John Flunter, attempted to hoard the bark in a storm last Thursday night. Hunter was swent overboard. He was rescued while clinging to the anchor chain. A cry was heard from Lee, It seemed to come from the water and he has not been since seen.

# last night, and is being received with widespread approval. Dr. Parker was promoted from surgeon of the First Battalion, where his rank was that of first lieutenant. His successor in the latter position will be named in a few days. Dr. Parker is a well-known young physician, with offices in the western portion of the city, and he has been connected with the military for a number of years. He is also an instructor in physiclogy at the Medical College of Virginia. The position to which he has been promoted is a most responsible one. The appointment is effective at once. FINE NORFOLK MAN FOR CRUELTY TO CHILDREN

[Special to The Times-Dispatch ]
NORFOLK, VA, March 16.—Charles
Winindger, of this city, was to-day sentenced to serve six months in fatt and
was fined \$100 for cruelty to his children.
The children, one seven months ago and The children one seven months are and the other two years, were deserted by Winingger at his home overnight. ried by sponsible dice.

# THE RESOLUTION IS VETOED BY MAYOR

Measure to Investigate Committee Is Returned Without Approval.

MESSAGE SEALED: NO STATEMENT YET

Ordinance Assuring Erection of Poe Monument Approved. Number of Others Passed Upon-Crutchfield Gets Increase in Salary.

Mayor McCarthy returned to City the resolution providing for an investigation of the Finance Committee. The Mayor did not explain for publication his reasons for this action, as he has made a formal reply to the Council, which has been sealed and PEOPLE REFUSED TO LEAVE will be presented in due time,

The resolution referred to the statements alleged to have been made in a recent speech of the Mayor's, chargeing the members of the Committee on city in making up the annual budget, vided for a committee of three members from the Council and two members of the Boards of Aldermen to inquire into and report on all these

ing opera and concert sopranos, was greeted in Richmond last night by the most brilliant audience of society people, musicians and music-lovers of all classes, assembled within the Academy of Music for many years.

In more respects than one the concert marked an epoch in the musical history of Richmond. Mme. Sembrich is regarded by many as the greatest of present-day singers. A poor peasant girl by birth, her career has been a most remarkable one, and her enviable position in the musical world to-day is due entirely to her own unceasing, untiring hard work. In addition to her vocal gifts, she is a beautiful woman, with a wonderful amount of personal charm and magnetism, and she created an appearance of queenly majesty the moment she stepped upon the stage.

Brilliant Audience.

The audience that heard her was the largest that has attended a musical entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and the entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and the entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and the entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and the entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and the entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and the entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and the entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and the entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and the entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and the entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and the entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and the entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and the entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and the entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and the entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and the entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and the entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and t

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The audience that heard her was the largest that has attended a musical entertainment since Nordica and Schumann-Heink sang here, and the enthusiasm manifested has not been equaled since the appearance of Adelina Patti at the old Richmond Theatre. Not only was the cream of Richmond's society represented, but several hundred came from Petersburg, Roanoke and other Virginia towns, and even North Carolina was represented by many of its ardent music lovers and musicians. Away up in the gallery were four or five hundred of the real enthusiasts, those who, though they could not afford orchestra seats, nevertheless derived as much, if not more, enjoyment from the musical feast than any in the theatre.

The program was selected with commondable taste and embraced operatic selections, charming folk songs, ous or two entrancing little melodies and a charming waitz song. After a brilliant concert number by Mr. La Forse, the planist, Mme. Sombried stepped from the wings and, advancing to the plano, assumed a graceful and unconventional attitude with one clow resting on the instrument. Her opening number was the familiar "Ah Fors e Lui," from Verdi's "Traviata," and the rendition of it started the first wave of thunderous applause that compelled the great diva to bow her acknowledgment a haif-dozen times. Mr. Van Hoose, a well-established Richmond favorite by reason Many Passed Upon.
Owing to the great volume of business transacted during the past month by the Council, Mayor McCarthy has had under consideration the largest enrolment submitted to him during his torm of office. On yesterday afternoon he returned to City Clerk Ben T. August the following ordinances and resolutions of the City Council which had received his attention:
Authorizing the City Treasurer to

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Authorizing the City Treasurer to employ a clerk in his office at a salary of \$960 per annum, to be paid out of the city treasury. Approved.

Authorizing the grading of a number of streets and alleys. Approved.

Ordering the paving of a number of sidewalks and alleys. Approved.

Establishing the grade of streets and roads in Duncan Lodge, a portion of the annexed territory. Approved. This is the first section of the territory recently annexed to have its roads

and street levels definitely fixed by act of Council.

Authorizing the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company to run its tracks to the property of E. P. Murnby, on West Clay Street, in the annexed territory. Approved.

Providing for the granting of a franchise by the city of Richmond to a person hereafter to be ascertained, in the mode prescribed by law of the right to operate a double-track street railway on Broad Street westwardly from the tracks of the Richmond Traction Company, at Broad and Robinson Streets, to the Boulevard, and thence northwardly to the corporate limits, Approved. This resolution refers to the tracks already laid for the carrying of passengers to and from the State Fair, the former permit having heen declared unconstitutional. It will now be necessary to put this franchise up for sale in the manner previded by law to the highest bidder. In the meantime, the tracks of the Passenger and Power Company are already on the ground, although no cargare being operated.

Raiffying and accepting the dedication made by the owners to the city of Richmond of land on the north side of Monument Avenue, from Allison Street to the Boulevard, and on the south side, from Allison Street to Cedar Street. Approved. This resolution completes the formality of taking over the property needed for the extension of Monument Avenue on to the Davis Monument, and then to the Boulevard, as a continuous double driveway from the Lee Circle. Work on this improvement is already under way, and will be completed shortly.

Poe Monument Assured.

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Granting a site for the monument to be erected to the memory of Edgar Allan Poe, and nledgins the city for a subscription of \$5,000 for said menument, the Monument Association to raise a like amount. Approved. The site for the monument has not yet been definitely determined, it being provided that it will be selected by a committee of seven from the Council, acting with a committee from the Poe Monument Association,
Authorizing the City Attorney to agree upon damages, if any that will accrue by reason of the grading of the allay between Thirtieth and Thirty-first Streets, Approved. The passage of this ordinance establishes a new precedent in the city's policy toward property-owners who disped damages as a result of city improvements, authorizing in this case the City Attorney to agree with the owner, and report to the Council a proper compassing, rather than leaving the gwars miss, cather than leaving the gwars and the council a proper compassion.